

**Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speakers appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representatives McCarthy (NV), and King (NV).

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:50 p.m. and reconvened at 8:03 a.m. on Thursday, May 24th.

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**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H5625.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 375 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and S. 33 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Eight yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5646–47, H5647, H5648, H5665, H5665–66, H5667, H5667–68, H5680–81, H5681, H5682, H5682–83, and H5683. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:05 a.m. on Thursday May 24th.

## Committee Meetings

### ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2008.

### INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 2008.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Financial Services:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2347, amended, Iran Sanctions Enabling Act of 2007; H.R. 1980, Housing Assistance Council Authorization Act of 2007; H.R. 1982, amended, Rural Housing and Economic Development Act of 2007; H.R. 2139, amended, FHA Manufactured Housing Loan Modernization Act of 2007.

The Committee began mark up of H.R. 1851, Section 8 Voucher Reform Act of 2007. Will continue tomorrow.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 885, amended, International Nuclear Fuel for Peace and Nonproliferation Act 2007; H.R. 2446, Afghanistan Freedom Support Act of 2007; H.R. 2420, amended, International Climate Cooperation Re-Engagement Act of 2007.

The Committee also favorably considered the following resolutions and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: S. 676, To provide that the Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank or the Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank may serve on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation; H. Con. Res. 21, amended, Calling on the United Nations Security Council to charge Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide and the United Nations Charter because of his calls for the destruction of the State of Israel; H. Con. Res. 80, amended, Calling on the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) to recommit to a political solution to the conflict in northern Uganda and to recommence vital peace talks, and urging immediate and substantial support for the ongoing peace process from the United States and the international community; H. Con. Res. 151, amended, Noting the disturbing pattern of killings of dozens of independent journalists in Russia over the last decade, and calling on Russian President Vladimir Putin to authorize cooperation with outside investigators in solving these murders; H. Con. Res. 152, Relating to the 40th anniversary of the reunification of the City of Jerusalem; H. Res. 137, amended, Honoring the life and six decades of public service of Jacob Birnbaum and especially his commitment freeing Soviet Jews from religious, cultural and communal extinction; H. Res. 226, amended, To recognize John Pehle for his contributions to the Nation in helping rescue Jews and other minorities from the Holocaust during World War II; H. Res. 233, amended, Recognizing over 200 years of sovereignty of the Principality of Liechtenstein, and expressing support for efforts by the United States to continue to strengthen its relationship with that country; H. Res. 295, amended, Recognizing the strong alliance between the Republic of Korea and the United States and expressing appreciation to the Republic of Korea for its efforts in the global war against terrorism; H. Res. 395, Supporting the ideals and values of the Olympic movement; H. Res. 397, amended, Condemning violence in Estonia and attacks on Estonia's embassies in 2007, and expressing solidarity with the Government and the people of Estonia; H. Res.

412, amended, Expressing gratitude to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, for their State Visit to the United States and reaffirming the friendship that exists between the United States and the United Kingdom; H. Res. 418, Recognizing and welcoming the delegation of Presidents, Prime Ministers and Foreign Ministers from the Caribbean to Washington, D.C., and commending the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for holding the Conference on the Caribbean; H. Res. 222, Calling on the Government of the People's Republic of China to use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur, Sudan; and H. Res. 430, amended, Calling on the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran to immediately release Dr. Haleh Esfandiari.

### U.S. AID TO PALESTINIANS

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on U.S. Assistance to the Palestinians. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: C. David Welch, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs; LTG Keith W. Dayton, U.S. Security Coordinator; and Mark Ward, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### U.S. AGRICULTURE SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology held a hearing entitled "Reducing Threats to Our Nation's Agriculture: Authorizing a Bio and Agro-Defense Facility." Testimony was heard from John Vitko, M.D., Head, Chemical and Biological Division, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the USDA: Edward Knipling, M.D., Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; and Kevin Shea, Assistant Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

### U.S. ATTORNEYS INVESTIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing to continue investigation into the U.S. Attorneys Controversy and Related Matters. Testimony was heard from Monica Goodling, former Senior Counsel to the Attorney General and White House Liaison, Department of Justice.

### IMMIGRATION REFORM

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law continued hearings on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Becoming Americans—

U.S. Immigrant Integration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### ENERGY POLICY REFORM

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Held a hearing on the Energy Policy Reform and Revitalization Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, Mineral Management Service; and Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Michael M. Simpson, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, U.S. Forest Service, USDA; Vickie VanZandt, Senior Vice President, Transmission Business Line, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

### CLIMATE PROTECTION OPPORTUNITIES

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Held a hearing on Achievements and Opportunities for Climate Protection under the Montreal Protocol. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### WEAPONIZING SPACE

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held a hearing on Weaponizing Space: Is Current U.S. Policy Protecting Our National Security? Testimony was heard from MG James B. Armor, Jr., USAF, Director, National Security Space Office, Department of Defense; Donald Mahley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Threat Reduction, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

*Committee on Rules:* The Committee granted, by a vote of 8 to 4, a rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2206, Making emergency supplemental appropriations and additional supplemental appropriations for agriculture and other emergency assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. The rule makes in order a motion by the chairman of the Committee of Appropriations to concur in the Senate amendment with each of the two House amendments printed in this report. The rule waives all points of order against the motion and provides that the Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking

minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule also provides that the Chair shall divide the question of adoption of the motion between the two House amendments and if both amendments are adopted, they will be engrossed into a single amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2206. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the motion to a time designated by the Speaker.

The rule further provides that during consideration in the Committee of the Whole of a bill making FY08 supplemental appropriations for military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider an amendment only proposing to add to the bill the text of H.R. 2451. Such amendment shall be considered as read and shall not be amendable or divisible. All points of order against such amendment are waived except clause 9 of rule XXI. The rule provides that section 4(a) of the resolution does not apply to a regular FY08 Department of Defense appropriations bill. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey.

#### **LOBBYING TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007; HONEST LEADERSHIP AND OPEN GOVERNMENT ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 7 to 4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2317, Lobbying Transparency Act of 2007 and H.R. 2316, Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007.

With respect to H.R. 2317, the rule provides a closed rule with one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as modified, shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

With respect to H.R. 2316, the rule provides a structured rule with one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule considers as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary. The committee amendment shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment except for those arising

under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule makes in order those amendments printed in part B of the report and waives all points of order against such amendments except for those arising under clauses 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule permits the Chair, during consideration of either H.R. 2317 or H.R. 2316, to postpone further consideration until a time designated by the Speaker. Finally the rule amends the Rules of the House governing Member and staff attendance at charitable events. Testimony was heard from Chairman Conyers and Representatives Jackson Lee of Texas, Cardoza, Kaptur, Abercrombie, Moore of Kansas, Smith of Texas, Dreier, Wolf, Castle, English, Terry, Flake, Kirk, Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida, and Gingrey.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 364, amended, To provide for the establishment of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy; H.R. 1467, 10,000 Trained by 2010 Act; H.R. 1716, amended, Green Energy Education Act of 2007; and H.R. 632, amended, H-Prize Act of 2007.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2359, SBA Entrepreneurial Development Programs Act of 2007; H.R. 2366, SBA Veterans' Programs Act of 2007; H.R. 2284, To amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; H.R. 2397, SBA Women's Business Programs Act of 2007; and H.R. 2389, Small Energy Efficient Businesses Act.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Ordered reported H.R. 2011, To designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 100 East 8th Avenue in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as the "George Howard, Jr., Federal Building and United States Courthouse."

The Committee also approved the following: General Services Administration Capital Investment Resolutions, as amended; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey Resolutions.

#### **IRS USE OF PRIVATE COLLECTION FIRMS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on IRS's Private Debt Collection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer

Advocate; and Kevin M. Brown, Acting Commissioner; Gregory D. Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO; and public witnesses.

## BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### U.S. PETROLEUM INDUSTRY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the United States petroleum industry, focusing on corporate mergers and other factors that influence gasoline prices, after receiving testimony from Thomas McCool, Director, Applied Research and Methods, Government Accountability Office; Michael A. Salinger, Director, Bureau of Economics, Federal Trade Commission; Diana L. Moss, American Antitrust Institute, Samantha Slater, Renewable Fuels Association, and Red Cavaney, American Petroleum Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Dennis C. DeCota, California Service Station and Automotive Repair Association (CSSARA), Novato, California; and James L. Smith, Southern Methodist University, Department of Finance, Dallas, Texas.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Armed Services:* closed business meeting to mark up the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, 10 a.m., SR-222.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Charles Darwin Snelling, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine opportunities and challenges associated with coal gasification, including coal-to-liquids and industrial gasification, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine potential impacts of global warming on recreation and the recreation industry, 10:30 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine energy efficiency, focusing on tax incentives for reducing consumption, 2 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* business meeting to consider S.392, to ensure payment of United States assessments for United Nations peacekeeping operations for the

2005 through 2008 time period, S. Res. 211, expressing the profound concerns of the Senate regarding the transgression against freedom of thought and expression that is being carried out in Venezuela, S. Con. Res. 25, condemning the recent violent actions of the Government of Zimbabwe against peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society, S. Res. 110, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-United States dialogue and relationship, and the nominations of Phillip Carter, III, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea, R. Niels Marquardt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Union of Comoros, Janet E. Garvey, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon, Dell L. Dailey, of South Dakota, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, Mark P. Lagon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking, with the rank of Ambassador at Large, James K. Glassman, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors, Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador of Indonesia, James R. Keith, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia, Miriam K. Hughes, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, Ravic Rolf Huso, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, and Hans G. Klemm, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and promotion lists in the Foreign Service, 11:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine federal real property, focusing on the property management problems highlighted in a recent Government Accountability Office report, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine issues relative to residents of Louisiana affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita, focusing on the goals, costs, management and impediments facing Louisiana's Road Home Program, 3 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 185, to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States, S. 1327, to create and extend certain temporary district court judgeships, H. Con. Res. 76, honoring the 50th anniversary of the International Geophysical Year and its past contributions to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments, and the nominations of Leslie Southwick, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Janet T. Neff, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, Paul Lewis Maloney, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, and Liam O'Grady, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, and possible authorization of subpoenas in the connection with investigation into the replacement of U.S. attorneys, 10 a.m., SD-226.